

HAZEL DELL LITTLE LEAGUE

BOARD of VOLUNTEERS MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, July 31, 2022

HDLL Boardroom

PRESENT

Adam Reinke, Ron Liebelt, Craig Kiggins, Brittany Dreier, Casey Myers, Jessica Myers, Kendall Potter, Heidi Schultz, John Kiggins, Erin Hart, Trevor Swedeen

CALL to ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES

Adam Reinke made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2022; Erin Hart seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

New Board Member

- Welcome to Trevor Swedeen, new board member

Facility Upgrades and Off-Season Projects

- Improvements to AL and PAC fields are currently underway. AL field needs significant regrading.
- Bids for hardscaping the picnic area are coming in around \$30,000 to \$60,000 depending on scope. Ron will get additional bids.
- Bleachers, fence baseboards and backstops are being repaired. Craig, John and Sysko Kiggins are volunteering for the majority of this work.
- The PUD is planning to straighten the power poles that were damaged in the April storm as part of their community volunteering program.

Registration Fees

- **FALL BALL**- The structure and plans for Fall Ball in general were discussed, and registration fees were discussed at \$75 per player.
- **REGULAR SEASON**- Discussion was held regarding registration fees for next season, as well as the increases in costs for general supplies, such as baseballs. The following registration fees were agreed upon for the 2023 season:
 - **Tee Ball - \$125**
 - **PAC - \$200**
 - **AL / NL - \$200**
 - **Junior - \$250**
- **SOFTBALL** – HDLL’s softball charter was discussed as part of the discussion around registration fees. Historically, HDLL did not recruit softball teams because of the successful program at VGSA which is within the league’s boundaries. When a softball player registers at HDLL they play with the SCLL softball program. Having the softball charter is an expense item that seems unnecessary considering the logistics of the program. Further discussion is ongoing with the board and the district administrator.

County Agreement Updates and Issues

- Adam continues to work on the issues regarding unissued invoices for our agreement with the county. Bureaucratic details continue to hinder the conversation. Invoices are supposed to be issued to HDLL in the spring, per our contract, however several previous years have not been issued yet. HDLL continues to hold the accrued funds for previous years until this is resolved.

Nominations for 2023 Executive Board

- Discussion was held regarding nominees for the executive board for next season. The following slate of officers was presented:
 - President – Ron Liebelt
 - Vice President – Jaime Bertran
 - Treasurer – Heidi Schultz
 - Secretary – Kendall Potter
 - Player Agent – Brittany Dreier
 - Coaching Coordinator – John Kiggins
 - Safety Officer – Casey Myers
- Ron Liebelt made a motion to approve the slate of executive board members as presented and Erin Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed without further discussion.

Meeting Structure Changes for Next Season

- Ron presented ideas for changing the meeting structure for next season to improve the experience for all volunteer board members. Sub committees will meet as needed based on a schedule determined by the chair of that committee. These board members will not need to attend executive board meetings unless a request is made for a presentation, a written report or the committee has a request that needs approval by voting members. The executive board will continue to meet at least monthly to conduct regular league business and to discuss issues requiring board approval.
- A committee focused on planning events was also discussed.
- This change in meeting structure was met with extremely positive feedback.

OTHER BUSINESS

- John wants to schedule coaching clinics well in advance of the season. There was a lot of feedback this year on coaches who weren't well prepared for the season and for the program to be successful we want to make sure they have plenty of resources to build their coaching skills.
- Craig added to this topic by suggesting pitching machines for the PAC level. Having an adult pitch to a small child caused a lot of issues this year simply due to body mechanics.
- Ron opened a discussion on the size of the Junior level roster. The present board members discussed the topic at length and agreed that no decisions should be made until more members were present.
- Ron brought it to the board's attention that during one of the All Star tournament hosted by HDLL, some fans were drinking alcohol on the premises. This is against Little League rules and against our park rules and won't be tolerated. Future violations need to be reported to the President or Vice President to be handled immediately.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.

NEXT MEETING

August 21st in the Board Room